

# **Aviation in Iowa**

## **Joint Transportation, Infrastructure and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee**

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# Aviation is Important to Iowa

## Every Year:

- 1.4 Million Annual Aircraft Operations
- 3 Million Passenger Boardings
- 250 Million Pounds of Cargo



## Key Stats:

- \$1.5b Annual Economic Impact
- 10,000 Jobs
- 6,800 Pilots
- 3,800 Based Aircraft



General aviation aircraft make up 96 percent of the U.S. civilian aircraft fleet and 75 percent of all U.S. flights.

**Jobs!**

**In Iowa, it is estimated that 88% of all aircraft operations are conducted by general aviation aircraft.**





Aviation plays an important role in medical emergencies and providing health care to rural areas.

**Jobs!**

**4,000 missions annually!**

**AWOS is a lifeline for us.**  
Tom Lundberg, Mercy One Air Ambulance

Life Flight departs to transport a patient to a trauma center.  
Photo submitted by John Halbrook.

**Businesses use aviation to enhance employee productivity and efficiency.**

**1,300 aircraft are registered to Iowa corporations!**



**Smaller, less congested airports are key to the value and flexibility of business aircraft.**

**John Balsiger, NBAA**

**Jobs!**

*A business jet is refueled at The Eastern Iowa Airport. Photo submitted by Dick Blum.*



**Jobs!**

There are more than 50 Iowa-based  
aerial applicators licensed to apply  
crop protection products in Iowa.



Photo submitted by Bill Owen.

# Jobs!

Aircraft have a wide range of uses including photography, surveying, news reporting, and search and rescue.



This Hughes helicopter/tree trimmer was used in the summer of 2004 to trim branches away from power lines.  
Photo submitted by Leigh Ann Gibbs.



More than 250 million pounds of air cargo is handled annually in Iowa due to its central location in the United States. Air cargo provides an economic boost to the state.



**Jobs!**

A Boeing 757 prepares to depart the Des Moines International Airport with a load of cargo.



Photo submitted by Dick Blum.



**Jobs!**

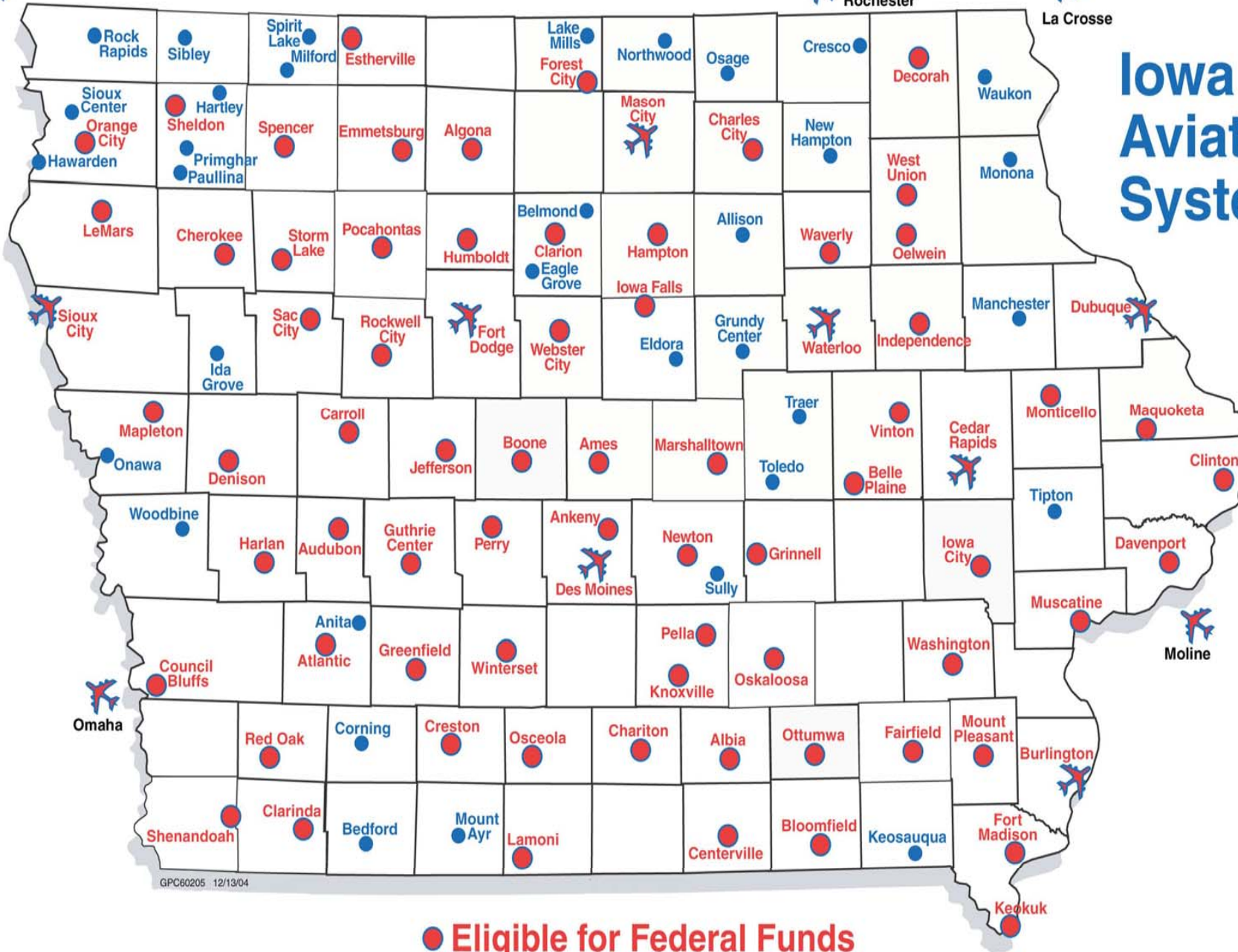
Iowa's eight commercial service airports handle more than 3 million passengers per year, providing a significant economic impact that fuels our state through employment, spending, and supporting businesses.

Sioux Falls

Rochester

La Crosse

# Iowa Aviation System



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# Funding Sources: Seven Year Annualized Average

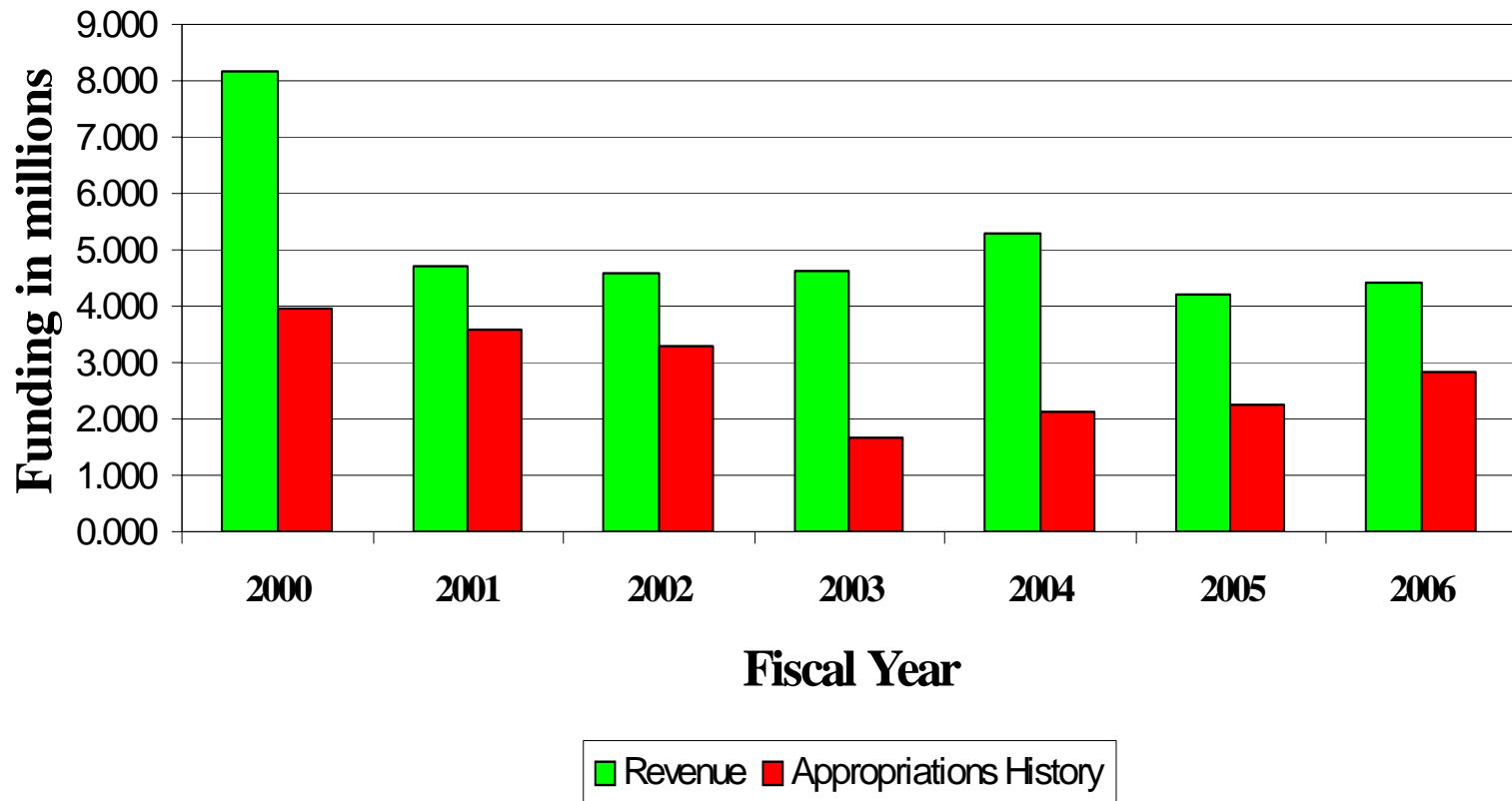
■ Federal = 82.3%

■ State = 7.3%

■ Local = 10.4%



## Aviation Revenue / Appropriations History



General fund revenue from aviation system users totaled \$4.4 million during FY 2006. (\$2.2 million from aircraft registration and fuel taxes, and \$2.3 million from use tax).



# State Aviation Programs

## FY 2008 Budget Request



### **Airport Improvement Program (AIP) \$1.6 Million**

- Airport projects, AWOS, windsocks, runway markings pavement management, pilot safety programs, planning studies

### **General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure (GAVI) \$750,000**

- Terminal and maintenance buildings, hangars and fuel facilities

### **Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure (CSVI) \$1.5 Million**

- Terminal buildings, hangars, maintenance facilities



# Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure (RIIF)	General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure (RIIF)
1999	\$2,484,000 (General Fund)	\$945,000 (first year)	0
2000	\$2,475,000 (General Fund)	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
2001	2,475,000 (General Fund)	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
2002	2,248,000 (General Fund)	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
2003	0	\$1,100,000	\$581,400
2004	\$500,000 (RIIF)	\$1,100,000	\$581,400
2005	\$500,000 (RIIF) \$64,792 (General Fund)	\$1,100,000	\$581,400
2006	\$564,792 (RIIF)	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
2007	\$564,000 (RIIF)	\$1,500,000	\$750,000



# State Aviation Fund

(Created during 2006 Session)

- Thank you!
- HF2782 created a State Aviation Fund
  - Funds Airport Improvement Program
  - 50% of aircraft registration fees and aviation fuel taxes in FY 2008
  - 100% of aircraft registration fees and aviation fuel taxes in FY 2009
- Subject to annual appropriations



# Mark your Calendars

Iowa Airports Day on the Hill  
March 14 at 11:45 a.m., Room 116  
[www.iowaairports.org](http://www.iowaairports.org)

## Questions?

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